Amendments to the Claims

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Please amend Claims 1, 9, 11, 18-19, 21-22, and 29 as shown below. Please cancel Claim 17. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

- 1. (Currently Amended) A <u>driven</u> fastener comprising:
- a fastener body having an impact surface and either a head or a cross-member; and
- a plug of filler material joined <u>directly</u> to said impact surface, <u>said filler material</u> <u>being sized and shaped to fill a hole in a workpiece made by penetration of the head or cross-member into the workpiece.</u>
- 2. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said filler material is an acrylic sealant material.
- 3. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said filler material is a wood putty.
- 4. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said filler material is a fiberglass resin filler.
- (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said filler material is an epoxy adhesive.
- 6. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said filler material is a plastic material.
- 7. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said impact surface includes means for facilitating joining said plug of filler material to said impact surface.
- 8. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said impact surface is roughened.

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- 9. (Currently Amended) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said plug of filler material is joined <u>directly</u> to said impact surface with an adhesive.
- 10. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said fastener body includes at least two legs.
 - 11. (Currently Amended) A nail comprising:
- a shank having a head formed at one end thereof, the head having an impact surface; and
- a plug of filler material joined <u>directly</u> to said <u>impact surface of the</u> head <u>said filler</u> material being sized and shaped to fill a hole in a workpiece made by penetration of the head into the workpiece.
- 12. (Original) The nail of claim 11 wherein said filler material is an acrylic sealant material.
 - 13. (Original) The nail of claim 11 wherein said filler material is a wood putty.
- 14. (Original) The nail of claim 11 wherein said filler material is a fiberglass resin filler.
- 15. (Original) The nail of claim 11 wherein said filler material is an epoxy adhesive.
- 16. (Original) The nail of claim 11 wherein said filler material is a plastic material.
 - 17. (Cancelled)
- 18. (Currently Amended) The nail of claim 4711 wherein said impact surface includes means for facilitating joining said plug of filler material to said impact surface.

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- 19. (Currently Amended) The nail of claim 4711 wherein said impact surface is roughened.
- 20. (Original) The nail of claim 11 wherein said plug of filler material and said head have similar cross-sectional shapes.
- 21. (Currently Amended) The nail of claim 11 wherein said plug of filler material is joined <u>directly</u> to <u>eaid head</u> <u>the impact surface</u> with an adhesive.
- 22. (Currently Amended) A method of making a <u>driven</u> fastener comprising: providing a fastener body having an impact surface <u>and either a head or a crossmember;</u> and

joining a plug of filler material <u>directly</u> to said impact surface, <u>said filler material</u> <u>being sized and shaped to fill a hole in a workpiece made by penetration of the head or cross-member into the workpiece.</u>

- 23. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said filler material is an acrylic sealant material.
- 24. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said filler material is a wood putty.
- 25. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said filler material is a fiberglass resin filler.
- 26 (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said filler material is an epoxy adhesive.
- 27. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said filler material is a plastic material.
- 28. (Original) The method of claim 22 further comprising roughening said impact surface prior to joining said plug of filler material to said impact surface.

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29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22 further comprising using an adhesive to join said plug <u>directly</u> to said impact surface.

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